

"Whereas, under the present arrangement of the several Judicial Districts of the State; great inconvenience is experienced by the people in many parts of the country, and in consequence of the large number of counties embraced in some, and nearly all of the districts, the Courts cannot be held in some of the counties as long as the public interest require."

Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby requested to furnish the Senate with a map of the several counties of the State, showing their relative positions, with a view to the alteration and re-organization of the several Judicial Districts of the State:

Adopted.

Joint Resolution requesting the contractor of the mail route from Austin to Bonham, to transport the same weekly instead of semi-monthly, and making provisions for the same: read first time.

And, on motion of Mr. Williams, rule suspended and read second time.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the rule was further suspended; read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bourland, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning 10 o'clock.

Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M.
December 28th, 1847.

Senate met; roll called; the following Senators answered to their names;

Messrs—Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, and Wootten,—quorum present;

The Journal of Friday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of Adolphus Sterne; referred to the committee on private land claims; without reading.

The President of the Senate announced a communication in

writing, endorsed, "notice of contest of election for Senator for Bexar county"; which, on motion of Mr. Gage, was read. And on motion of Mr. Parker referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to report as early as practicable.

Mr. Brashear introduced a bill to be entitled an act supplemental to, and explanatory of an act entitled "an act regulating attachments," approved January 28th. 1839—read first time.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to abolish the capital punishment of free white persons, except for treason against this State or the United States—read first time.

Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the committee on Finance examine the books of the Treasury Department, and report to this House, as to the amount of money in the Treasury at the adjournment of the last Legislature, under the several appropriations then made."

Adopted.

Mr. Richard Bache, Senator from the District of Galveston presented his credentials, took the oath prescribed by the constitution and his seat.

Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution;

"Resolved, That the committee on Finance examine the vouchers in the office of the Comptroller, relative to the disbursements made under the appropriations of the last Legislature, for contingent expenses, and report thereon to this House:"

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, p. m.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Senate met; roll called; quorum present.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to vest in the county of Austin

for county purposes; the property of the corporation of the town of San Felipe; read second time;

And, on motion of Mr. Cuny, referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to require the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General to reside at the Seat of Government—read first time.

On motion of Mr. Cuny, a "bill to be entitled an act to provide for locating the seat of justice of the County of Austin"—was taken up.

Mr Cuny offered the following as a substitute for the second section.

"Be it further enacted, That all process heretofore issued, or that may issue up to the first day of February, 1848, shall be returned to the Court House at the County seat of Justice, of the County of Austin as established by the provisions of the first section of this act, and after the first day of February, 1848, all process shall be made returnable to the Court House of Austin county.

Mr. Cuny also offered the following amendment, as an additional section.

SEC. 3d. *Be it further enacted,* That in order to name the county seat of Justice of the County aforesaid, the Chief Justice shall cause an election to be holden throughout the county, at the usual places of holding elections, on the day of the next general election of county officers, which shall be conducted according to law, at which time the people shall declare by vote, by what name the County seat shall be known; and the name having the highest number of votes shall be the name of the county seat, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which amendments were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the bill as amended was laid on the table until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.